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THE BEAUTIFUL SINNER

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When Alice returns to the gang's headquarters she is just in time to see Benson started to torture Avery in order to make him disclose the hiding place of the gems. She convinces them that they ought to wait until they have pulled off the job at Westervelt's since it is time for Carmen de Santas to leave for her dance. They depart for the Westervelt home.

After their departure Blinky discovers at Avery's rooms that he has disappeared and through the police information at which Avery located a number he guesses where Avery may be. He finally locates the room in which Avery is confined, and by signalling him to watch out he informs Avery that all is well. He gets Avery's guard called to the phone and then they overcome the guard and rush to the Westervelt home and get there in time to prevent the robbery. The band escapes and then there is a most exciting chase. The car that Benson is in i sthrown off a cliff

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